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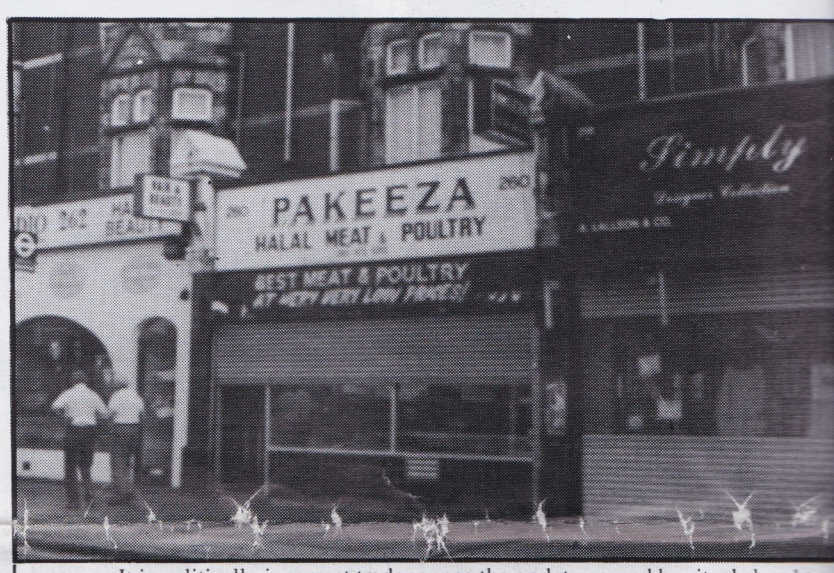

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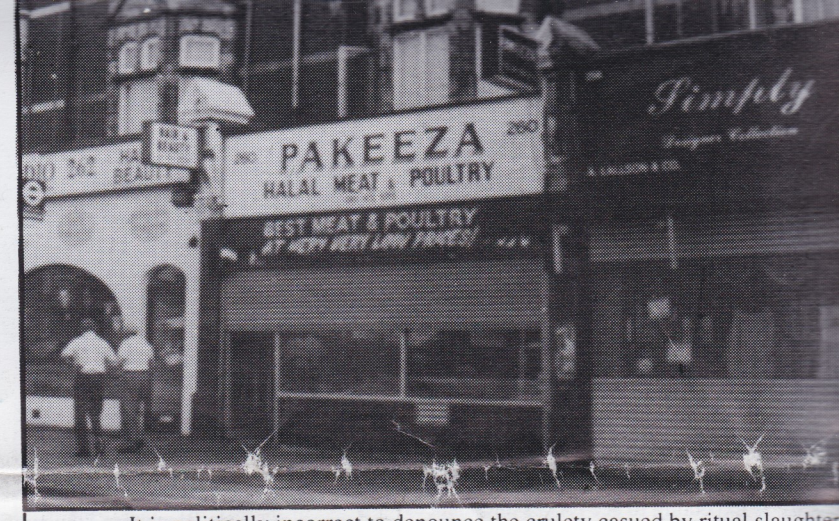

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That animal welfare campaigners can allow such practices to take place unchallenged all over Britain illustrates their hypocrisy, especially as Britain has the largest export trade of ritually slaughtered meat in the whole of Europe.

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Compassion in World Farming Condemns Ritual Slaughter

COMPASSION IN WORLD FARMING - the respected animal welfare organisation believes that ritual slaughter which involves the slitting of the throats of live and awake animals is indefensible. In a statement issued in January 1997 Peter Stevenson, their Political and Legal Director stated:-

"CIWF is concerned to learn that more recently there has been an increasing demand that animals should not first be stunned." "CIWF is aware that many Muslims oppose stunning. We would, however, ask the Muslim community to listen to what we have to say and to give further consideration to the position."

"In its report, the Farm Animal Welfare Council referred to research which found that loss of sensibility did not occur in sheep until 18-70 seconds after their throats were cut. In calves, the interval was 132-297 seconds. They quoted another study which found that the average time from throat-cutting to loss of brain responsiveness is 17 seconds for calves and 14 seconds for sheep. The FAWC concluded that even the shorter times must be regarded as unacceptably long and **that if, as a result off less than expert slaughter, only one carotid artery is severed (which will not be uncommon) these times can be increased five-fold."**

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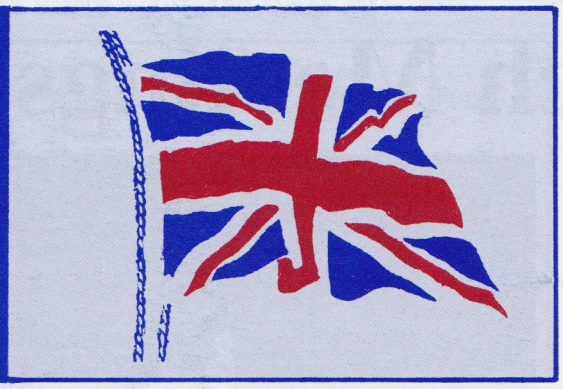

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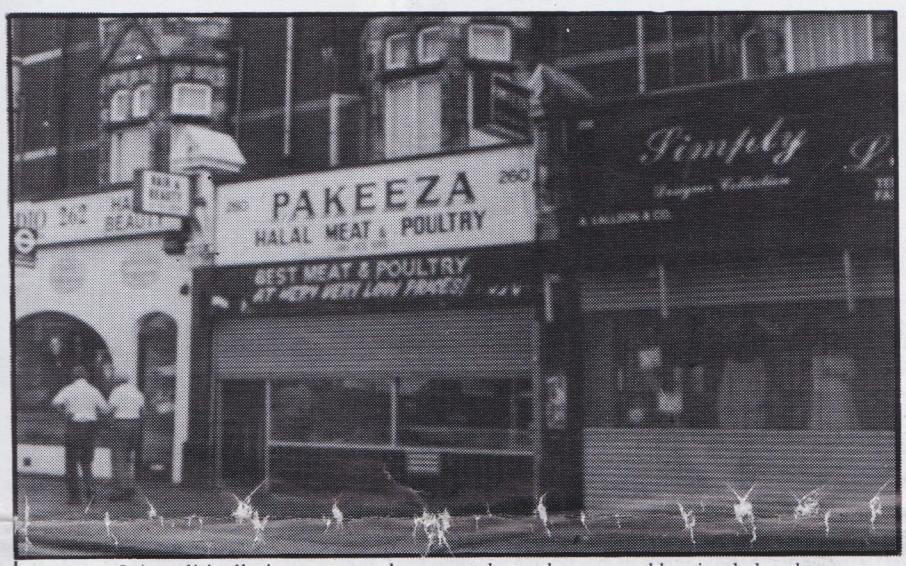

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For the first time it was openly admitted that Britain no longer controls its own economy and could no longer put the interest of its people first. We are now subject to the whims and desires of uncaring European bureaucrats.

However this was the second signal that "New Labour" was pressing forward with submerging Britain into the new European Super State. One of their first acts had been to give the Bank of England its independence.

Sunday Times business correspondent, John Jay, noted on 8th June: this action is essential for British entry into the EMU, European Monetary Union. The Bank of England had to become independent before it can be swallowed up by the planned European central Bank

which is to run the new "Euro".

Neither New Labour nor Old Tories have come clean on whether they will scrap a thousand years of sterling and replace it with the unstable funny money Euro. But all the evidence suggests that that is exactly what they are doing.

Not in the first round probably, and not openly and above-board certainly, but eventually, gradually and by stealth, just as they have sold the rest of Britain's sovereignty to Brussels.

As top Sunday Times Jay rightly put it: *"You do not have to be a conspiracy theorist to think new Labour, with its whopping majority, is moving rapidly to position Britain for entry into the single currency without saying as much"*. Entry which will take place with its erosion of our independence and its further betrayal of the British people.

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Newham plans seaside holidays for refugees

Newham is one of the most deprived boroughs in the country and has one of the worst educational records. Yet the council has far more important matters on its mind. It has decided that the 224 refugee families and 365 single refugees should be given bed and breakfast by the seaside in Eastbourne at a cost of £130 per week EACH.

A Newham Council spokewoman said that this was inevitable because there was not enough accommodation in Newham suitable for these "refugees"

Not surprisingly Newham Council had been trying to keep this plan confidential but someone leaked the report.

If all the "refugees" are housed in this way the total cost could run to over £160,000 each week, equivalent to eight and a half million a year - no wonder Newham is a deprived area.

Hand guns first - shotguns next

In their absolute determination to prevent anyone in Britain from owning anything more powerful than a catapult the Home Office is already considering extending the current ban on hand guns to include shotguns.

It is only a question of time before kitchen knives become illegal, finger nails have to be kept short, and the only acceptable footwear is fluffy slippers.

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SINCE THE General Election National Democrat branches have been recording excellent meetings. Pride of place must go to the West Midlands where an average attendance of between 20 and 30 is now being recorded. This may have something to do with the pleasant surroundings and the lavish supplies of sandwiches which are provided. However serious discussions also take place and the successes in local elections are proof of the progress being made by the branch.

In the East Midlands excellent attendances are also being recorded in Derbyshire, while growth in Nottingham and Leicestershire has been a bit slower.

The North West maintains its regular meetings, however with members spread out attendances are not stunning, but by moving the meetings around Stephen Ebbs does achieve a good total attendance over a period of time.

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Sheffield Council tries to set up "Vice Zone"

Sheffield Council have been thwarted in their attempt to set up a red light "tolerance zone" (in other words an area where the rule of law no longer applies) only because of arguments over where it was to be sited.

A total of 12 sites were looked at and unbelievably the police were involved in these discussions about where the rule of law was no longer to apply.

Sheffield police are however investigating the case of 70 council employees who cheated the Council out of £100,000 but when caught were allowed to keep their jobs.

It would appear that Sheffield has already declared its independence from the rest of Britain and is now enacting its own laws - the laws of the jungle and the alley.

ARTICLES

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Traditional mixed farms are now a thing of the past as the agri-business ethic of 'big fields, bigger profits' governs the thinking of many in the farming industry today.

Take the example of Fenhampton Farm, Weobley, near Leominster in Herefordshire. Twelve months ago it was a pastoral landscape of small fields, hedgerows, trees and small streams. Then the tenant farmer died and Fenhampton Farm was taken over by the Garnstone Estate. Now, 1,300 metres of hedgerows have been uprooted, a 200 year old orchard chopped down and a section of brook dug out and dammed.

Local resident, Norma Forrest, whose father worked on the farm in the Fifties, was bitterly upset: "*The whole area has had its heart ripped out. It's been vandalised*".

David Lovelace, of the Council for the Protection of Rural England, was also very critical: "*The whole pastoral ambience has been destroyed. If you want to alter windows in a village you will need planning permission in writing, but if you want to plough up 250 acres of beautiful landscape you can just go ahead and do it*".

But the Garnstone estate owner, James Verdin was totally nonplussed by the criticism: "*The estate exists to be profitable. The fields were too small for the large agricultural machinery that we have to meet the needs of this arable enterprise*".

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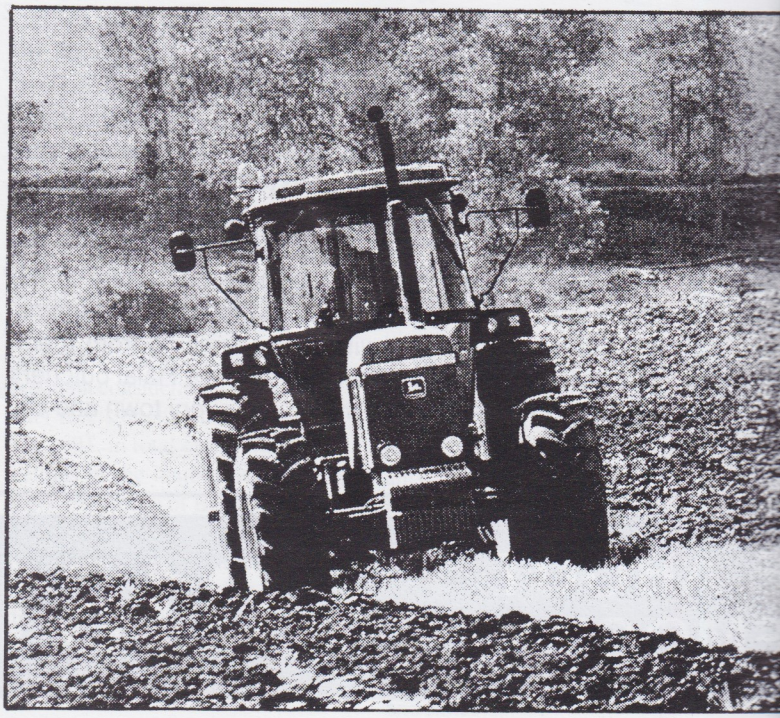

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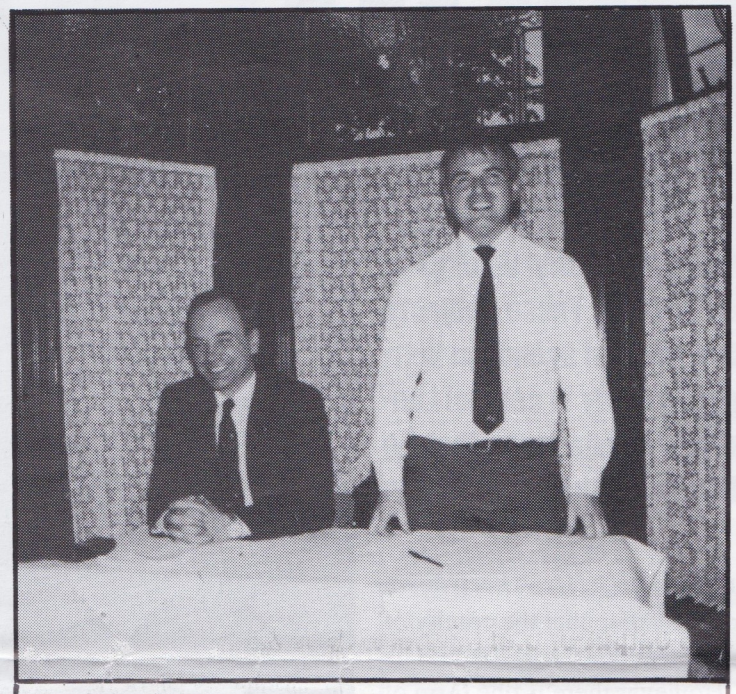

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Germany wants Britain to pay more for E.U.

The Germans are determined to cut their contribution to the E.U. and force countries such as Britain to pay even more for the privilege of belonging to the Super State.

Theo Waigel, the German Finance Minister said on 28th July: "I have already made clear to my European colleagues that by the year 2000 at the latest a fairer financing system for the European union has to be worked out".

Of course the National Democrats agree with Herr Waigel - their suggestion is that Germany's contribution - and Britain's - should be precisely zero which could easily be achieved by the simple expedient of abolishing the E.U. - what a way to celebrate the Millennium!

Lies, Damned Lies and E.U. Propaganda

The E.U. uses some of the billions of pounds that you contribute towards its running costs to produce a whole range of literature. One item is: "A Classroom Guide To The European Union" On page 22 it states that: *"The E.U. operates a common pricing system which helps to stabilise fishermen's incomes".*

Having *"stablised"* the income of our fishermen it fails to explain why it is then necessary *"Through the Financial Instrument for Fisheries Guidance (FIFG), the ERDF, the ESF and the PESCA Initiative, the EU helps coastal areas develop new economic activities, in particular tourism facilities, search for new markets and create new jobs. It also helps fishermen train or retrain".*

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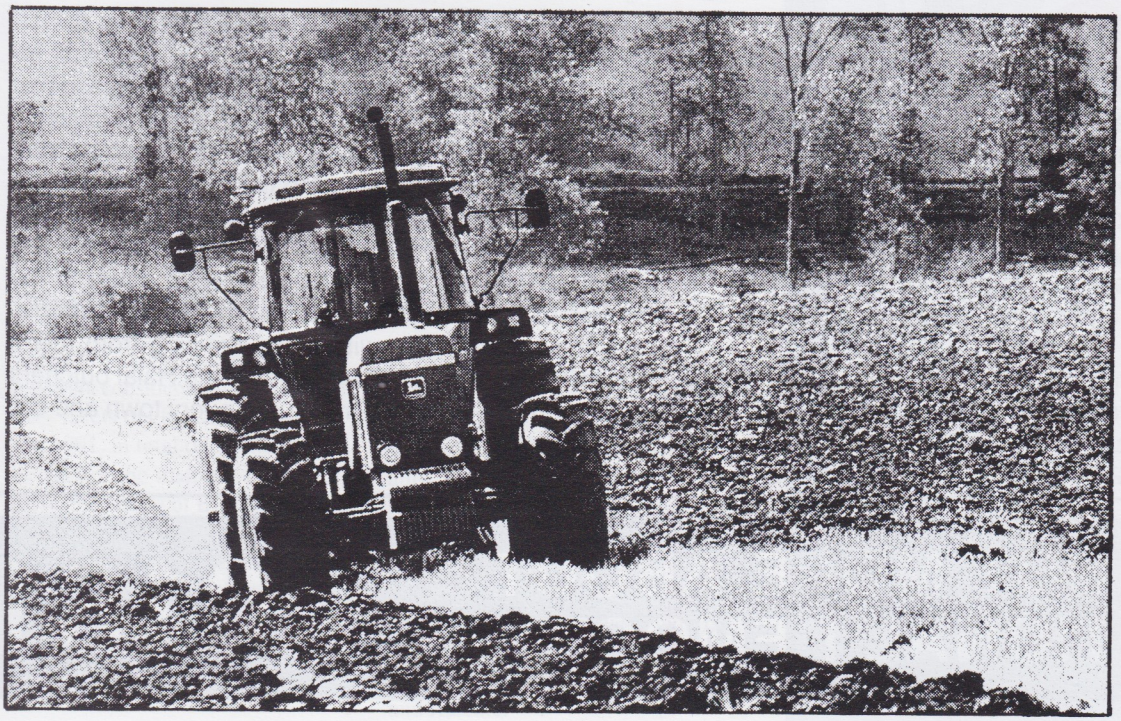
Of course, the underlying need is to change Britain's current farming trends. Britain's farmers must be persuaded to urn their back on E.U. subsidies and the attractive world market prices for growing arable crops and focus their attention on producing goods for their local population and protecting the environment to enhance the quality of life for all those living in the region.



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High Living

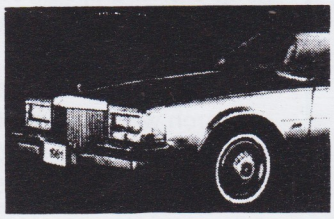
Zarak Khan had an interesting life style. He owned two luxury limousines worth £80,000 each. His annual earnings wre in the region of £1,000,000, and he owned at least half a dozen homes.

How did he live like this - he was a rapist and a violent pimp running a string of prostitutes, some as young as 14.

He kept one 14 year old girl a virtual prisoner while he worked her as a prostitute. Khan also engaged in drug trafficking.

He has finally been caught and sentenced to 13 years for rape, living off immoral earnings, making threats to kill, wounding and sex offences against a 14 year old girl.

He has now been sentenced to a further three years for drug offences, and his luxury limousines have been confiscated.



Detective Inspector Colin White said: "People who deal in drugs are always likely to get their assets confiscated and this case is an excellent result for the police".

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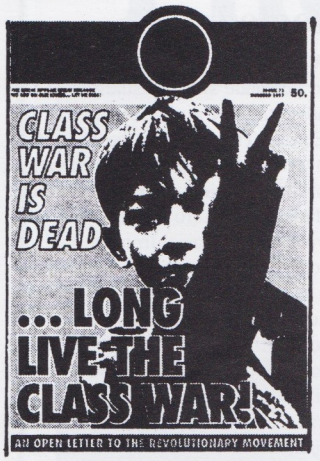

The anarchist group that threatened mayhem and produced a variety of literature exhorting its supporters to violently attack anyone to the right of John Prescott has finally folded.

In its heyday it organised various minor riots and produced some fairly bloodthirsty stickers. Its newspaper "Class War" indulged endlessly in Marxist rhetoric interspersed with schoolboy swear words.

However all this has now come to an end and they have ended with a whimper rather than a bang: *"In short what passes for a revolutionary movement in this country is pitiful....if our ideas are so brilliant, why do we collectively amount to so little and have so little influence?"*

Deaths from ecstasy up four-fold

The number of people who have died from poisoning by mind-altering drugs such as ecstasy has quadrupled - up from eight deaths between 1985-89 to 32 in 1991-95 according to a report in the British Medical Journal published on 1st August.

Deaths from opiates and narcotics also soared from 17 in 1985-89 to 67 in 1991-95.

The researchers, led by Dr. Ian Roberts said the data probably underestimated the total of drug-related deaths.

Palestinian leader seeks more aid to fund corruption

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WHY DO SO MANY AMERICANS KNOW SO LITTLE about the war in Ulster? Why do so many give money to the I.R.A.? One reason is the deluge of anti-British, pro-I.R.A. propaganda spewed out by the U.S. "entertainment" industry. We in Britain can see the rubbish spewed out by Hollywood in pro-terrorist films such as *In the Name of the Father* and the recent offering, singing the praises of I.R.A. murderer Michael Collins. But BBC and ITV tend not to buy the even more offensive output of U.S. network television.

The delights we are thus missing can be seen from the episode of the thriller series JAG screened across America on Friday 27th June. JAG is about a U.S. Navy Lawyer (ex fighter pilot) who goes around solving legal problems for the U.S. Navy (a sort of sub-Sherlock Holmes in uniform). The episode screened on June 27th was gloatingly described on the American pro-IRA Internet "Republican Bulletin Board" by one Mark Westphal as follows:

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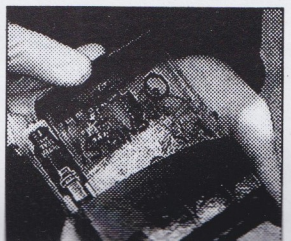

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Deaths from opiates and narcotics also soared from 17 in 1985-89 to 67 in 1991-95.

The researchers, led by Dr. Ian Roberts said the data probably underestimated the total of drug-related deaths.

Palestinian leader seeks more aid to fund corruption

Yasser Arafat, the Palestinian leader, flew into London on 14th July to ask Tony Blair to increase the amount of aid Britain gives Palestine each year - currently this is £25,000,000.

Yet the Palestinian state is fundamentally undemocratic and totally corrupt. It is estimated that nearly half the total budget of £194million has been lost in corruption and mismanagement - and that is according to the Palestinians themselves.

The first local elections were due to be held this year, but they have been postponed indefinitely.

While many people in Britain may have some sympathy for the Palestinian cause, the question that must be asked is why should we contribute £25 million to them when their Middle Eastern Islamic neighbours are amongst the richest countries in the world.

£25 million would certainly shorten a few hospital waiting lists.

Union Jack to be dropped

The British Tourist Authority has decided to drop the Union Jack from its promotional literature. Presumably it is thinking about going multinational, setting up its headquarters in India and ceasing to have any connection with Britain - just like British Airways.

WHY DO SO MANY AMERICANS KNOW SO LITTLE about the war in Ulster? Why do so many give money to the I.R.A.? One reason is the deluge of anti-British, pro-I.R.A. propaganda spewed out by the U.S. "entertainment" industry. We in Britain can see the rubbish spewed out by Hollywood in pro-terrorist films such as *In the Name of the Father* and the recent offering, singing the praises of I.R.A. murderer Michael Collins. But BBC and ITV tend not to buy the even more offensive output of U.S. network television.

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How would the Americans like it if the BBC broadcast similar mindless nonsense portraying the Oklahoma Bombers as *"mostly romantic revolutionaries"*? And the U.S. Police as *"mean, ruthless and bad tank drivers"*? What would Americans then think if, as a result, British people who didn't know where Oklahoma was, gave millions of dollars to the bombers to plant other bombs in American cities? You can bet your bottom dollar the American Government would not just ignore such propaganda. Propaganda helping to fund the murder of hundreds of its citizens being poured out onto the airwaves by an alleged close ally.

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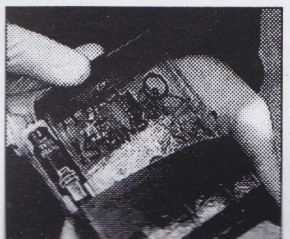

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Britain has been graciously allowed a "temporary opt-out" but this means that British bus manufacturers will not be allowed to export such buses - which will be very convenient for French and German bus manufacturers.

Lord Stoddart of Swindon, a Labour peer, said the effective ban on British exports was a "scandal".

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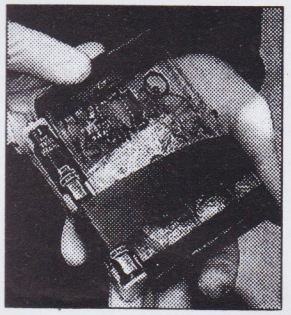

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It is a pity the simpering showbiz airheads who gathered at *La Belle Epoque*, and who gather at similar swish gatherings in trendy venues to help the cause of Irish Republican murder, did not gather instead at another fashionable restaurant near Belfast twenty years ago, on 17th February 1978. Then the I.R.A. made its contribution to a wholly non-political, non-security forces night out at *La Mon* restaurant: a huge bomb attached to gallons of petrol deliberately designed to burn alive the 200 ordinary men, women and children inside.

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The authors are claiming that the report has received a favourable reaction from Mike O'Brien, the Home Office Minister.

Not all Irish are Irish

Aine Ni Chonaill, 51, lives in South West Cork in Southern Ireland. She is proud to be Irish and she resents the influx of hundreds ofNew Age travellers who are attracted to this beautiful part of the British Isles and who take up residence in dilapidated caravans and then promptly live off Irish Social Security.

She also complains of the numbers of English visitors who buy up local property forcing up prices so that locals cannot afford to live there.

Aine Ni Chonaill is a teacher at a Catholic Convent in Clonakilty. She decribes multiracialism as "one of the greatest heresies of the 20th century"

Kitchen Factory Closure

Fine British workmanship was consigned to the history books in July when the Prestige factory in Burnley, Lancashire was closed down with the loss of 200 jobs.

At its peak Prestige had over 2,000 workers on the payroll producing the finest kitchenware in the world, but in the last 20 years the firm has been unable to compete with cheaply produced imports of pans and cutlery from the Far East.

In its 53 year history Prestige became a household name for its legendary pressure-cooker and its revolutionary butterfly can opener.

The National Democrats are pledged to protect British industry by introducing strict import controls that would penalise such foreign imports that brought about the closure of the Prestige factory.

Britain to compensate Spanish Armada

Queen Elizabeth I must be turning in her grave. First we allow the Spanish fishing armada to rampage through Britain's traditional fishing grounds. When finally we have the temerity to tell them that what little is left must be for British fishermen our High Court decides that they should be allowed to sue Britain for damages.

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The meeting was meant to be in two parts: the first was a general discussion on a document put forward by the national committee, the second was to be discussion and debate on a number of specific resolutions.

The meeting was chaired by Lord Stoddart of Swindon, the 72 year old former Labour M.P., and there were about 150 people in the audience including 15 members of the National Democrats plus a number of sympathisers and supporters.

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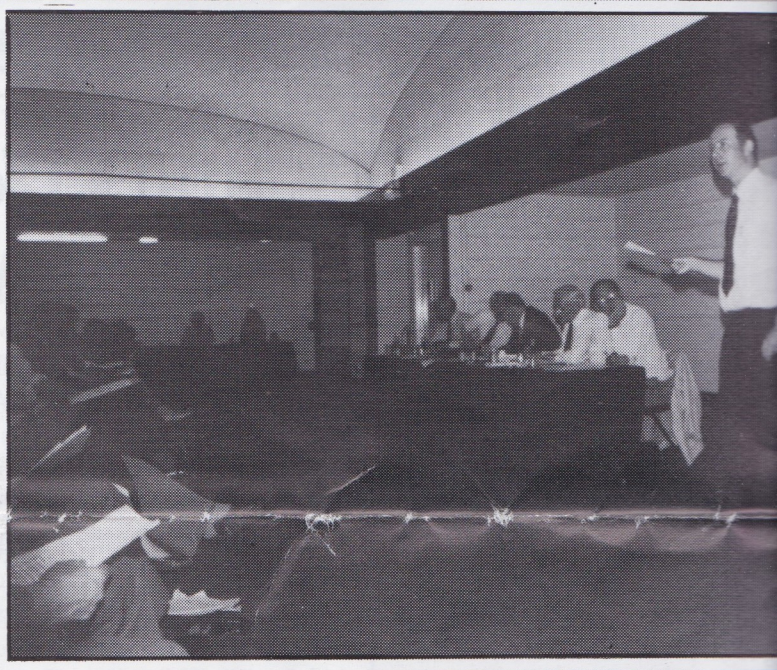

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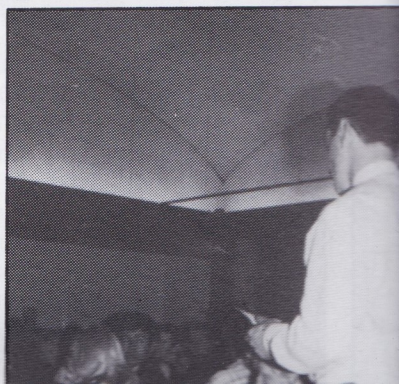

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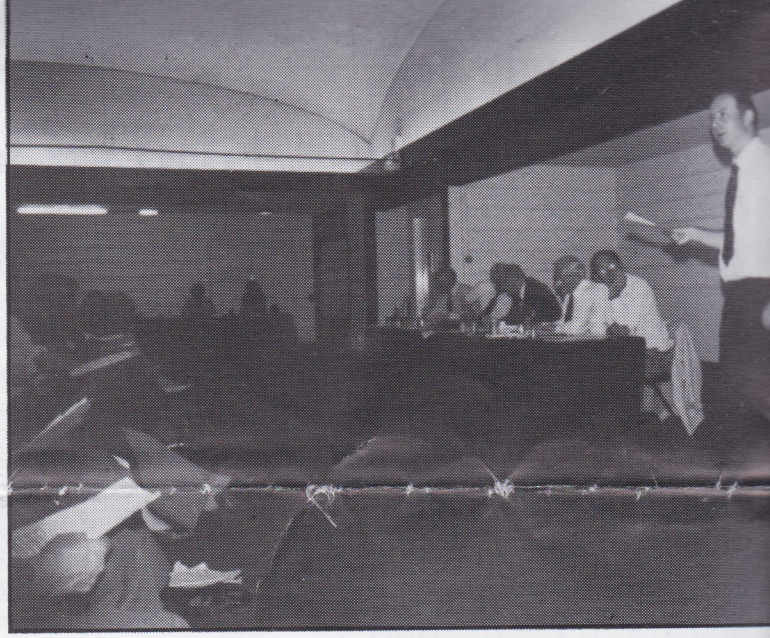

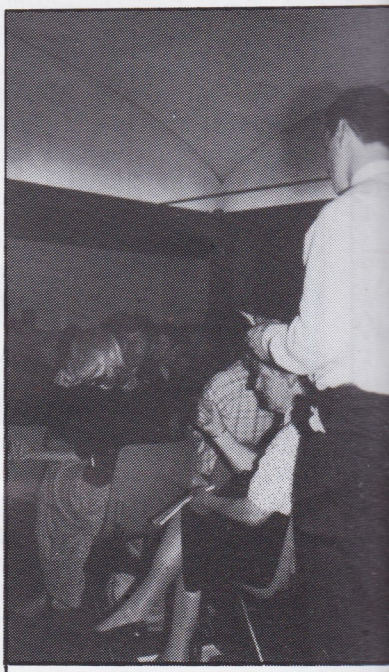

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Has Dr. Alan Sked deliberately sabotaged U.K.I.P. partly in frustration at the challenge to his leadership, but also partly to pave the way for his entry into the Conservative Party?

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Dr Sked still can't help himself from name dropping of the most crass nature, but the fact remains that anyone can see that these comments together with his resignation from even membership of U.K.I.P. mean that he is "cosying-up" to the Tories.

From the point of view of Eurosceptic Tories, of course, this would be ideal. They are mainly right wingers, however Dr. Sked is the archetypal liberal academic - to have him fighting with them inside the Tory Party would strengthen their hand.

Then there is the not so well known fact that while the excellent U.K.I.P. candidate, Mr James Feisenberger was having a torrid time at the count in Uxbridge and managing to put a brave face on a disastrous result, what was Dr. Sked - his leader - doing: Dr Sked was sipping champagne at a flat in South West London with an extreme Thatcherite M.P. at the birthday party of the person Dr Sked coyly refers to as "Bee". When someone asked Dr. Sked why he was not at the count in Uxbridge

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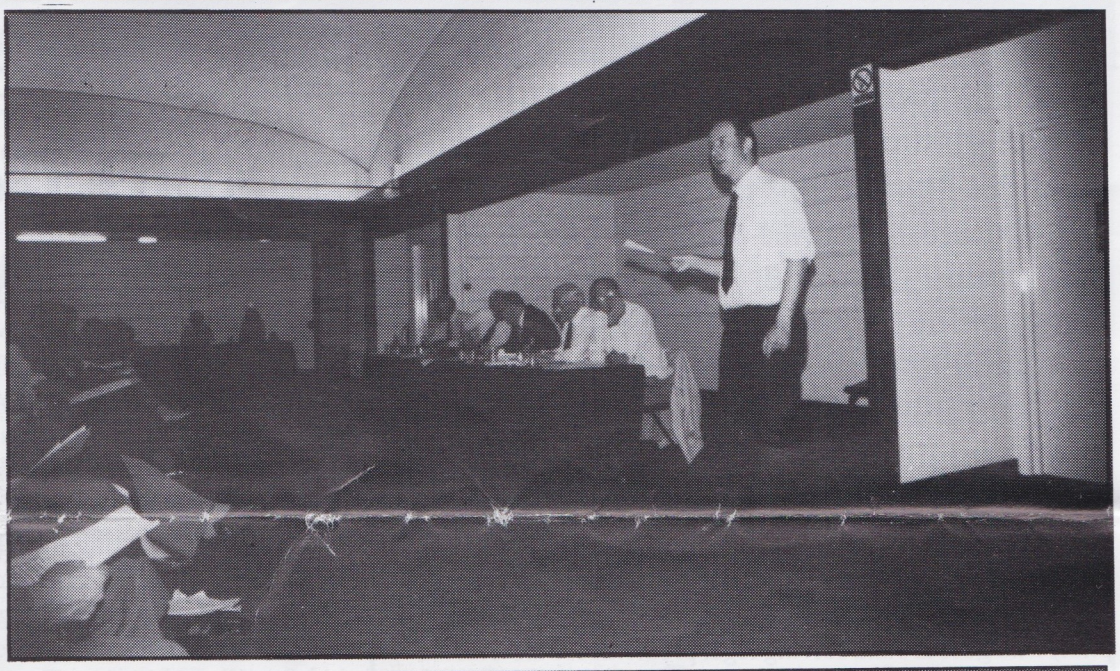

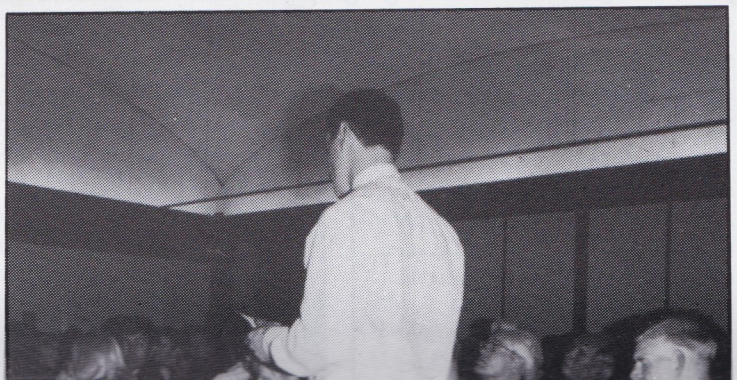

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Of course, this is true, however even a simpleton can work out that the reverse is also true - it would then be even easier for companies to export TO Britain. Because coping with international trading is always easier for large firms any increase in this trade will damage small firms.

Yes small firms would find it easier to export but competition at home would be even fiercer. Proof of how to build a booming economy can be provided by the Japanese experience - maintain a secure home market and use exports as a bonus. International free trade is about as good news as is the arrival of another supermarket to small local traders - more like the kiss of death.

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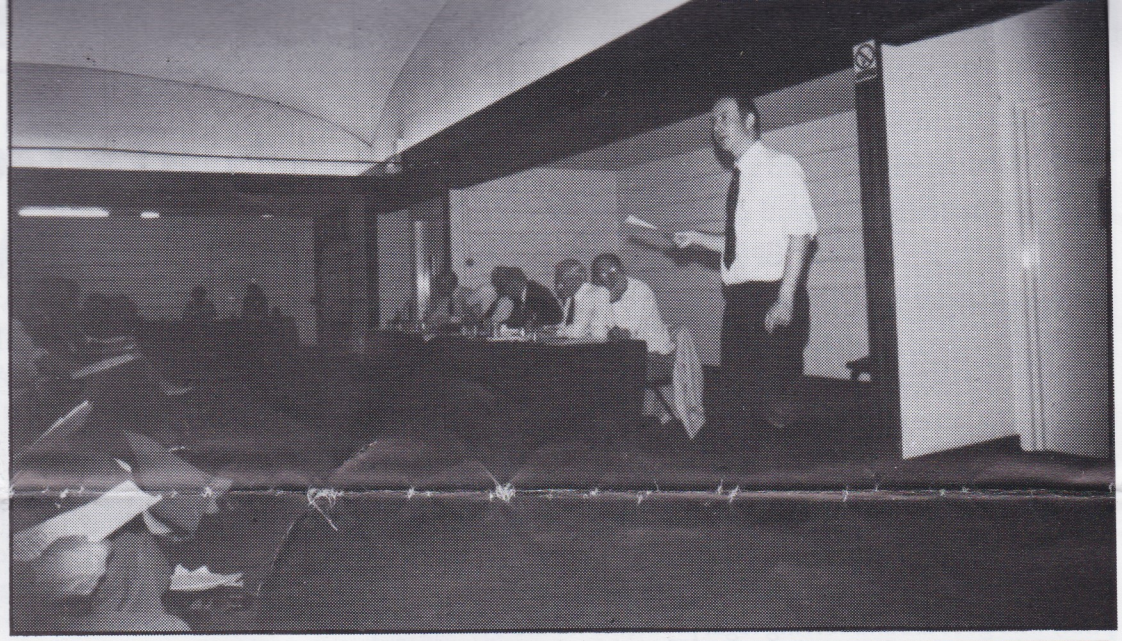

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The Executive elections are interesting mainly for who is not standing. While Dr Sked and his group of associates are obviously not contesting, neither is Nigel Farage the leader of the internal opposition.

Again one can only speculate, but perhaps the now persistent rumours about financial obligations of the party could be the reason why most of the candidates are what might be described as second or third line management in the party.

Overall it seems unlikely that U.K.I.P. will survive for very long and there is no doubt but that it has been dealt a very heavy blow. On top of Uxbridge and with the next by-election in Paisley the only good thing that has come out of this summer for U.K.I.P. and ex-U.K.I.P. members has been a hefty dose of realism.

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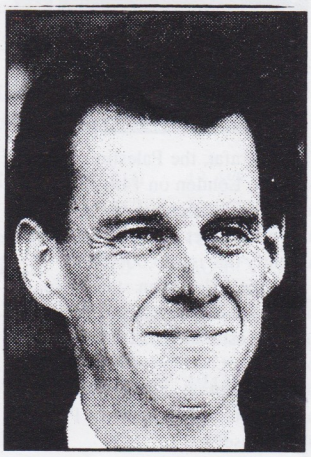

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Once again the media has demonstrated that it considers itself to be above the law - a sort of 20th century Marie Antionette - oh dear, look what happened to her.

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According to a recent investigation many of the pilots flying over Britian in large passenger carrying aricraft can barely speak English. Such pilots are alleged to have been involved in 30 dangerous or potentially dangerous incidents during 1996. It is further alleged that the Civil Aviation Authority is aware of this but is doing very little.

The French General

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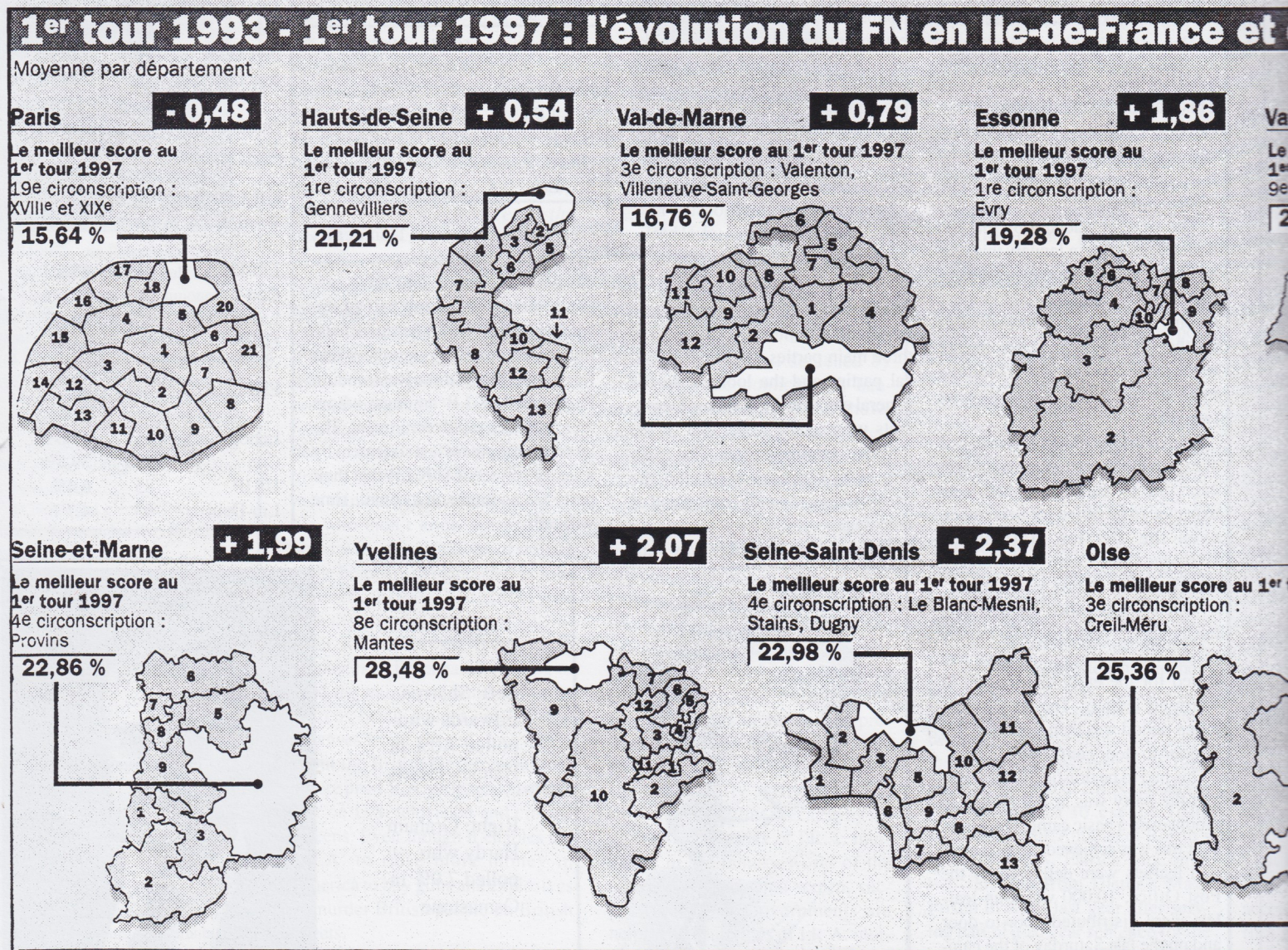

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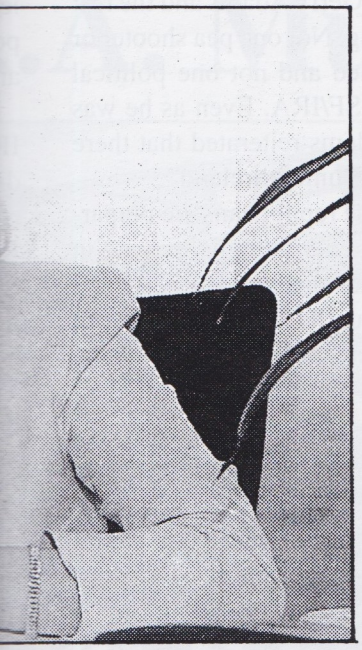

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The new socialist government has already reneged on its election promises having its hand forced by the EU to comply with the demands needed to meet the single currency criteria.

The Fench public is disgruntled. The RPR is disgraced and defeated and the socialist honeymoon is already over. The way is open for a nationalist breakthrough and we are all eagerly awaiting the first parliamentary by-election to see the impact made by Jean Marie Le Pen's FN party.

l'évolution du FN en Ile-de-France et dans l'Oise

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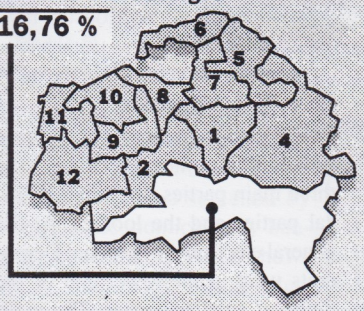

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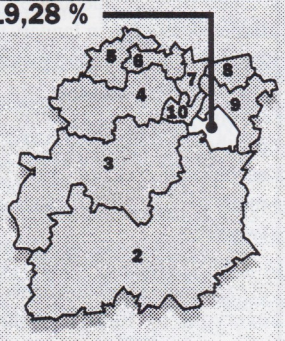

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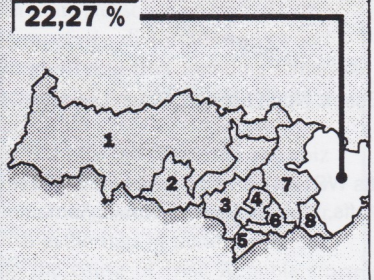

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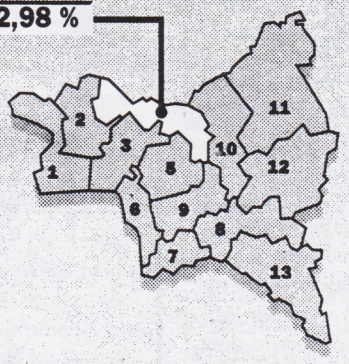

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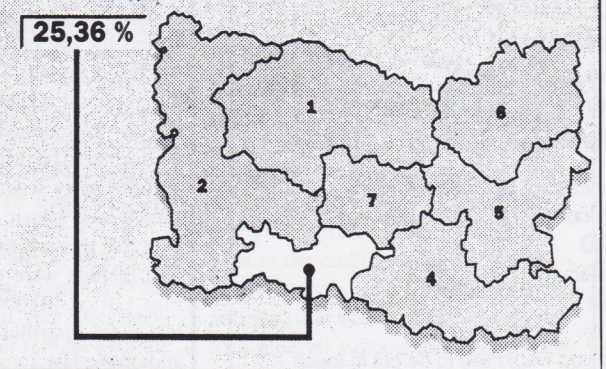

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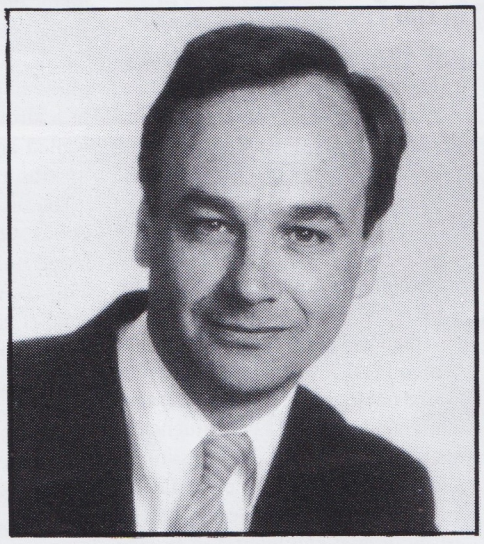

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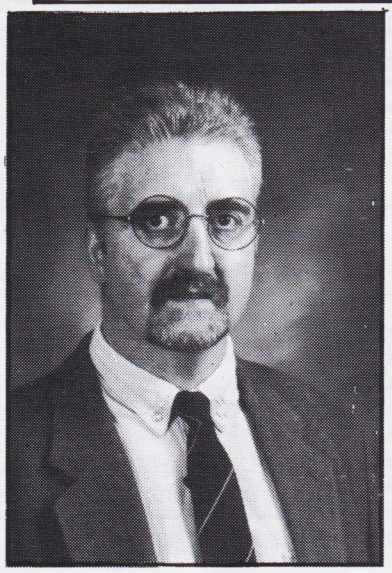

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Sir James Goldsmith

Sir,
Much has been written about the late Sir James Goldsmith since his recent death. The orbituaries, be they complimentary or otherwise, all seem to ignore what I see as a major contribution that Goldsmith has made through his venture into British politics. Goldsmith has shown what we really are.

We may mock his single issue 'party' and voice our contempt for the man who squandered so much money without winning a single seat. We can object to a man who has spent his time between Mexico, France and Spain being allowed to stand for a seat in the U.K. Parliament. We have to marvel at the sheer hypocrisy of a man who on one hand is happy to take a Euro M.P.'s considerable salary and on the other hand lecture us on the folly of Euro membership.

The hypocrisy of his political actions and the disgraceful way in which he bought votes, all demonstrate Goldsmith's contempt for the electorate and for the democratic process.

The 'Great British Public' proved themselves worthy of Goldsmith's contempt. Although the votes cast for the R.P. were not enough to win a seat, the Conservative vote was certainly split and Goldsmith contributed to the removal of the Conservative government from power.

He also showed us the type of person we allow to run our country. Take McAlpine, for example. Quite happy to campaign for the Tories, until, that is, Goldsmith came along rattling his money bags. The question now has to be asked: can we trust any of these 'top Tories' when they tell us of their commitment to Tory policies? And what about 'New Labour'? How sincere are they? And what about Ashdown's sad little band, they've already sold out to Blair in return for a seat at the table. What about Ashdown's pre-election policies? And what are we going to do about it?

G. CARTWRIGHT, London.

I.R.A. Ceasefire

Sir,
It is with deep sadness and sorrow I sit here tonight - 36 hours into the so-called IRA Ceasefire. And as usual the British media have portrayed the IRA as understanding, trustworthy and caring. I ask how can the people of Ulster have faith in Britain when our media openly supports the Sinn Fein/ IRA.

The IRA proved what they are two centre in the evenings.

Most residents in Chester believe it would destroy the ambience of our city, create litter problems and attract youths to congregate in large numbers at night.

If your readers could telephone the Department of the Environment and lodge their complaint with Colin Thompson who is dealing with the matter then I'm certain it might help.

MRS. A. SEALAND, Chester.

E.U. rules on custard pies?

Sir,
Please find enclosed a picture of Jacques Delors moments after being hit by a custard pie by anti-E.U. demonstrators in Grenoble. There is no better way of dealing with these pompous and unelected bureaucrats who dictate our lives.

Well done to those intrepid pie throwers.

Congratulations on Uxbridge

Sir,
Just a short note to congratulate the party on its Uxbridge by-election result. With 11 candidates and an unknown party name it was always going to be difficult.

I think that coming 7th and beating four other candidates shows steady progress. Beating U.K.I.P. was a pleasant surprise to me - I thought they would do much better than us in this Conservative constituency. If the next by-election is a Labour seat and in the Midlands or North we should be able to thrash them. I was also pleased to see that we wre quite close to the BNP and Socialist Labour, again I feel sure that if the same elction was held in 12 months time we will have grown sufficiently to see them both off.

Well done, here's to the next one.

ELECTION FOCUS

Uxbridge Parliamentary by-election coverage

The coverage of the Uxbridge Parliamentary by-election by the local newspaper was very fair to the National Democrats and to all other small political parties.

Obviously with the Prime Minister and the leader of the opposition visiting the constituency the two main parties did achieve a lot of coverage. But all the small parties were given a reasonable bite of the cherry.

The "Gazette" allowed each candidate to write a 250 word statement to be published the day before polling along with a photograph of the candidate(the National Democrat statement is shown below).

Unlike almost all the other small parties the National Democrats achieved additional coverage by the adoption of a local candidate. One of the small neo-fascist parties had a candidate who appeared never to even visit the constituency and couldn't even be bothered to turn up for the count. While the "Original Liberal" party was so well organised that they could not even supply a proper photograph of their candidate.

The National Democrats may be small but at least the party manages to get the basics right.

Pupil is back as candidate

● *Ian Anderson*

A FORMER Hillingdon pupil is standing in the by-election as a National Democrat candidate.

Ian Anderson, who was born in Hillingdon and grew up in Ruislip, was a regular worshipper at St Giles Church, High Road, Ickenham.

He was educated at Bishop Winnington Ingram School, Southcote Rise, Ruislip, and Merchant Taylors' School, Sandy Lodge Lane, Northwood.

He later studied Zoology at Oxford University.

His party, which was established in 1995, stands for withdrawal from the European Union, restoration of capital punishment and a halt to immigration.

Mr Anderson, who runs his own printing and publishing business in London, would like to see increased family allowances and free school meals for all children.

ANDERSON, Ian Hugh Myddleton
National Democrat

- Capital punishment for the murderers of children
- Withdrawal from the European Union
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- Back to basic 3 Rs in schools and a core curriculum with an emphasis on Christian values.
- No more hospital closures.
- Diverting money away from Overseas Aid to the NHS.
- The introduction of a Fares Fair policy on public transport.

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He also showed us the type of person we allow to run our country. Take McAlpine, for example. Quite happy to campaign for the Tories, until, that is, Goldsmith came along rattling his money bags. The question now has to be asked: can we trust any of these 'top Tories' when they tell us of their commitment to Tory policies? And what about 'New Labour'? How sincere are they? And what about Ashdown's sad little band, they've already sold out to Blair in return for a seat at the table. What about Ashdown's pre-election policies? And what are we going to do about it?

G. CARTWRIGHT, London.

I.R.A. Ceasefire

Sir,

It is with deep sadness and sorrow I sit here tonight - 36 hours into the so-called IRA Ceasefire. And as usual the British media have portrayed the IRA as understanding, trustworthy and caring. I ask how can the people of Ulster have faith in Britain when our media openly supports the Sinn Fein/ IRA.

The IRA proved what they are two nights previous to the ceasefire by baseball batting and shooting two separate innocent people. How can the British Government entertain these murderers of British civilians at a supposedly adult political debate. I feel as a decent member of the British public I must apologise to the people of Ulster for such treachery from the present British government.

W. THORNTON, Yorkshire.

McDonalds urban blight

Sir,

I am writing to ask your readers for help in trying to stop a McDonalds restaurant from being opened in the centre of Chester opposite our 900 year old cathedral.

The Department of the Environment have over-ruled objections from the city council and the Chester Civic trust and given the American burger chain the go-ahead to open a two storey glass-fronted building in a conservation area of the City.

The DoE claim that the burger bar would enhance Chester's shopping area and add life and vitality to the city

Letters to local newspapers are still an ideal way of getting the message across. Right just 2 out of many that Stephen Ebbs has recently had published.

Sir,

Please find enclosed a picture of Jacques Delors moments after being hit by a custard pie by anti-E.U. demonstrators in Grenoble. There is no better way of dealing with these pompous and unelected bureaucrats who dictate our lives.

Well done to those intrepid pie throwers.

Congratulations on Uxbridge

Sir,

Just a short note to congratulate the party on its Uxbridge by-election result. With 11 candidates and an unknown party name it was always going to be difficult.

I think that coming 7th and beating four other candidates shows steady progress. Beating U.K.I.P. was a pleasant surprise to me - I thought they would do much better than us in this Conservative constituency. If the next by-election is a Labour seat and in the Midlands or North we should be able to thrash them. I was also pleased to see that we wre quite close to the BNP and Socialist Labour, again I feel sure that if the same elction was held in 12 months time we will have grown sufficiently to see them both off.

Well done, here's to the next one.

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Union is not needed

I REFER to the article headed "£2m Plan for Old Power Station Site" in your newspaper, June 6th.

The bid for "Eurogrants" to develop the former Padiham Power Station site is a good example of how the EU is being portrayed as a generous source of funds for British projects to try and increase its perceived necessity among the British population.

This "Euro-grant/Eurofunding" is really a great deception to promote the EU.

For example, during 1995 alone the UK's gross contribution before abatement, was £147 for every individual in the UK. Out of that £147 Brussels paid £54 to British farmers and £27 to other British recipients (often having to be matched pound for pound from other sources) and this would be the area where the funding for the Padiham Power Station site would appear.

The British recipients are decided by Brussels and the costs of putting the requests forward and the costs of failed requests have to be further borne by the British tax payers, industries, etc. We received £81 back from the £147 given.

Incidentally, "other British recipients" include funding the de-commissioning of our fishing fleet and this is hardly an undertaking we would decide to do were we able to govern ourselves.

The remaining £66 was distributed as follows: £25 was kept by Brussels for its running costs (salaries, rent, expenses, etc), £19 to Spain, £9 to Greece, £7 to Portugal, £5 to Eire and £1 to Denmark.

The National Democrats believe that the EU is a totally unnecessary organisation and seek the immediate and total withdrawal of the UK from it. The UK should be governed by Westminster and not by Brussels.

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ELECTION FOCUS

Uxbridge Parliamentary by-election coverage

The coverage of the Uxbridge Parliamentary by-election by the local newspaper was very fair to the National Democrats and to all other small political parties.

Obviously with the Prime Minister and the leader of the opposition visiting the constituency the two main parties did achieve a lot of coverage. But all the small parties were given a reasonable bite of the cherry.

The "Gazette" allowed each candidate to write a 250 word statement to be published the day before polling along with a photograph of the candidate(the National Democrat statement is shown below).

Unlike almost all the other small parties the National Democrats achieved additional coverage by the adoption of a local candidate. One of the small neo-fascist parties had a candidate who appeared never to even visit the constituency and couldn't even be bothered to turn up for the count. While the "Original Liberal" party was so well organised that they could not even supply a proper photograph of their candidate.

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Pupil is back as candidate

● *Ian Anderson*

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Ian Anderson, who was born in Hillingdon and grew up in Ruislip, was a regular worshipper at St Giles Church, High Road, Ickenham.

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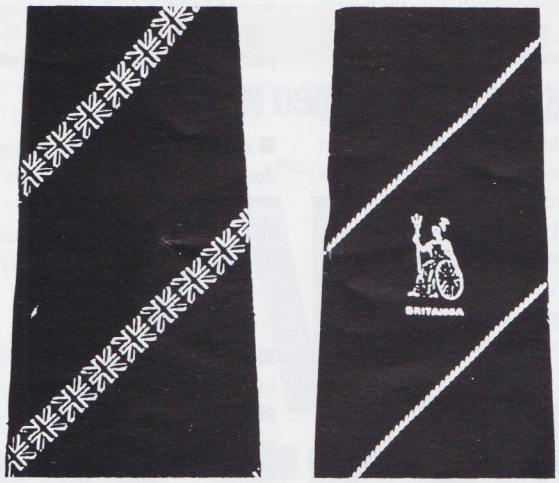

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"The Right To Live In A Society Free From Crime"

MUCH DISCUSSION in Britain is taking place at the moment about the American method of policing, called "Zero Tolerance". Police chiefs would like to implement it over here but they face an uphill task with many civil liberty and community groups condemning the idea and claiming it would be a breach of individual freedoms.

From 1994 to 1996 New York City, then dubbed 'the crime capital of the world' underwent a total change in the way it was policed. The numbers of policemen out on the streets was dramatically increased and a priority was given to an all-out war on drug suppliers, dealers and users.

The drugs world reeled under the onslaught and after months, where record numbers of arrests were made, those behind the trade either moved underground or left the city.

Removing the drug culture from the streets of New York had an immediate knock on effect as crimes involving robbery with violence and gang warfare with guns dropped dramatically. There was an immediate improvement in the social environment of the city but the police still wanted further progress.

The former Police Commissioner of New York who was in charge of the 'Zero Tolerance' experiment, William Bratton, explains why: *"We wanted to reclaim the public space for the ordinary citizen. Their quality of life had been made ever-more intolerable by the fear of crime. Now that was being tackled we took on those who perpetrated minor crime, the sort of incidents that spoilt a neighbourhood for its inhabitants such as prostitution, graffiti, noise pollution and youths on the streets".*

The effect of the 'Zero Tolerance' experiment was incredible. the world's crime capital saw serious crime drop back to the levels of the early 1970's and in some categories to the 1960's.

With such a successfully-proven method of policing it is amazing that it is not being welcomed over here, but there is stiff resistance to its implementation in Britain's towns and cities.

Opponents claim that:

- Zero tolerance will be counter productive and possibly racially explosive.
- The British courts, with their trend of sympathy towards the criminal would be out of sync with such a police method
- The numbers of petty offenders in prison will shoot up
- Increased numbers of arrests will take up more police time
- In the long term it will not solve the socio-economic causes of crime

William Bratton accepts that 'Zero Tolerance' cannot cure the causes of crime, but believes it can prevent anti-social elements from gaining the upper hand. He scoffs at the idea that it might be racially explosive:

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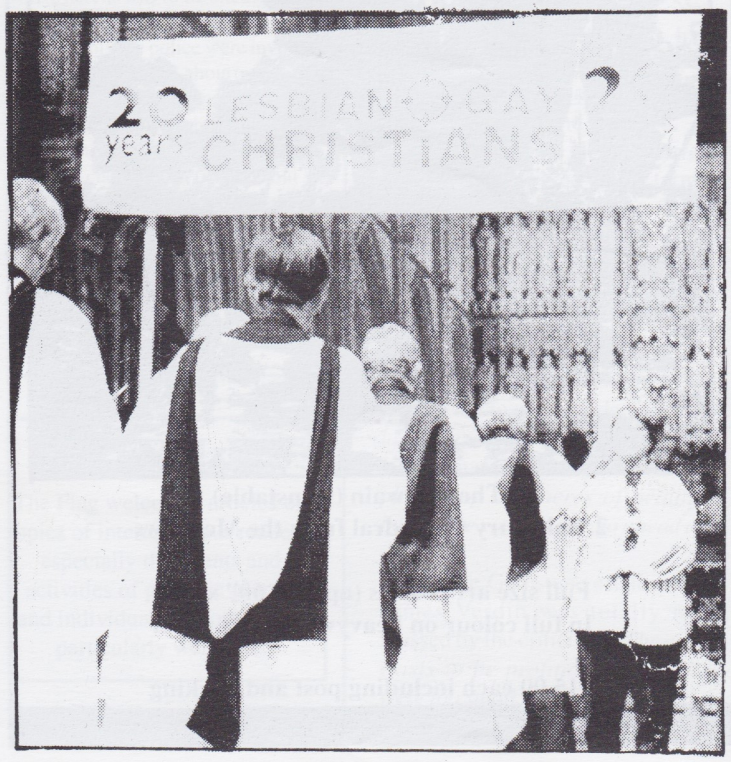

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This decline in grass-roots support for the Church of England can be traced back to 1987 and the first time that the acceptability of homosexuality was discussed at the Gernal Synod.

In the fifties, sixties and early seventies, the family unit was the mainstay of local congregations. Generations were raised on the 'going to church' habit , and families who were 'involved' in the church even though if only through Sunday School or helping with the annual Church fete.

Today's Church of England is a far cry from such traditional roots. Homosexuality appears to be be the all important consideration replacing all other facets of church life.

In 1991, in total opposition to the feelings of the majority of churchgoers, the House of Bishops backed homosexual relationships. Four years later they put into practice what they preached when they enthroned Michael Turnbull as the Bishop of Durham despite him having committed an act of gross indecency in a public toilet.

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Fighting to stem the growing tide from the homosexual lobby within the Church is the Reverend Tony Higton who is hoping to activate grassroots support within the Church of England to oppose the ordination of practising homosexuals. All clergy in the Church of England have been petitioned and the 10,000 full-time priests have been urged to petition bishops against liberalisation of the Church's teachings.

In the clearest language possible Tony Higton wants the biology of the homosexual act spelt out: *"Sexual intercourse is an act of total commitment which belongs properly in marriage"*, he argues: *"whereas homosexual genital acts fall far short of this ideal".*

The National Democrats believe that the family unit is the bedrock that maintains the equilibrium of the nation. The promotion of homosexuality as an alternative to family life is a dangerous philosophy that threatens to wreck national life. What consenting adults do in private is their own affair, but the anti-social nature of homosexuality must be exposed and those who promote it in public life treated with contempt and ridicule.

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Another attempt to use 'racism'

The number of bogus claims of racial discrimination is now reaching epidemic proportions. It seems that every time a white person is promoted in preference to a black person then the allegation of racial discrimination is being used in an attempt to intimidate employers into giving preferential treatment to black staff.

The latest case concerns sociology lecturer and former nurse Ruth Chigwada-Bailey an advisor to "Emily's List" the organisation which pushes forward women seeking adoption as Labour Party parliamentary candidates.

Mrs Chigwada-Bailey claimed that she suffered racial discrimination and racial hostility while working at a Community Health and Drugs Service Centre for Camden and Islington Community Health Service.

An industrial tribunal ruled that she was so "blinkered" that she saw racial discrimination where none existed.

After the hearing Mrs Chigwada-Bailey showed that she had learnt nothing by immediately announcing that "there was no justice for black people".

Of course the irony is that such cases make most employers very wary of taking on black people in case they are hauled before a court or tribunal.

Election Cash Curb?

The Home Secretary, Jack Straw. has announced that proposals are to be put forward to limit the amount of cash spent by political parties at election times. At present there are no limits on the amount spent by party head offices.

At the last election the two main parties spent at least £30million between them. The National Democrat head office spent about £3,000.

Put Brian First

An extremist right wing organisation has sent some of their rubbish to The Flag. One item however deserves some comment. They have apparently produced a nice promotional pen which is advertised as having the slogan: "Put Brian First" - very pythonesque.

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at our ports and airports must be dramatically increased and there must be a huge investment in the equipment necessary for detection.

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● Smaller pushers who are responsible for distributing the drugs locally must also be deterred by stiff prison sentences if caught as well as hefty fines. They must be severely punished for the misery they bring into their neighbourhoods.

● Finally there must be rehabilitation programmes in every town to help drug addicts off their habit and back to a normal way of life.

Tackling the problem on these four fronts at the same time will send out the strongest signal that Britain is a no-go area for drugs.

The proceeds for the drug barons and pushers alike are huge. They will be prepared to gamble vast sums of money in order to pursue their evil trade, but even for them there will be a time when the stakes are raised too high. Gambling with your life and freedom will, for many, be too high a price to pay.

Election Cash Curb?

The Home Secretary, Jack Straw. has announced that proposals are to be put forward to limit the amount of cash spent by political parties at election times. At present there are no limits on the amount spent by party head offices.

At the last election the two main parties spent at least £30million between them. The National Democrat head office spent about £3,000.

racial hostility while working at a Community Health and Drugs Service Centre for Camden and Islington Community Health Service.

An industrial tribunal ruled that she was so "blinkered" that she saw racial discrimination where none existed.

After the hearing Mrs Chigwada-Bailey showed that she had learnt nothing by immediately announcing that "there was no justice for black people".

Of course the irony is that such cases make most employers very wary of taking on black people in case they are hauled before a court or tribunal.

Put Brian First

An extremist right wing organisation has sent some of their rubbish to The Flag. One item however deserves some comment. They have apparently produced a nice promotional pen which is advertised as having the slogan: "Put Brian First" - very pythonesque.

The Church And Homosexuality

THE LAST ten years have witnessed the accelerated demise of the Church of England. Not only are the empty pews and closed-down churches witness to its falling support, but also a recent opinion poll found that there had been a dramatic downturn in the numbers of people who expressed a sympathy for the Church of England. The people interviewed were those who were not regular churchgoers but who still regarded themselves as having Christian beliefs.

This decline in grass-roots support for the Church of England can be traced back to 1987 and the first time that the acceptability of homosexuality was discussed at the Gernal Synod.

In the fifties, sixties and early seventies, the family unit was the mainstay of local congregations. Generations were raised on the 'going to church' habit , and families who were 'involved' in the church even though if only through Sunday School or helping with the annual Church fete.

Today's Church of England is a far cry from such traditional roots. Homosexuality appears to be be the all important consideration replacing all other facets of church life.

In 1991, in total opposition to the feelings of the majority of churchgoers, the House of Bishops backed homosexual relationships. Four years later they put into practice what they preached when they enthroned Michael Turnbull as the Bishop of Durham despite him having committed an act of gross indecency in a public toilet.

In 1995 homosexuals were elected to the General Synod, and in April of this year influential theologian, Dr John Baker, the former Bishop of Salisbury, denounced the Bible's teaching on homosexuality saying that homosexuals should be allowed to have sexual partners and partake in homosexual marriage.

Fighting to stem the growing tide from the homosexual lobby within the Church is the Reverend Tony Higton who is hoping to activate grassroots support within the Church of England to oppose the ordination of practising homosexuals. All clergy in the Church of England have been petitioned and the 10,000 full-time priests have been urged to petition bishops against liberalisation of the Church's teachings.

In the clearest language possible Tony Higton wants the biology of the homosexual act spelt out: "*Sexual intercourse is an act of total commitment which belongs properly in marriage*", he argues: "*whereas homosexual genital acts fall far short of this ideal*".

The National Democrats believe that the family unit is the bedrock that maintains the equilibrium of the nation. The promotion of homosexuality as an alternative to family life is a dangerous philosophy that threatens to wreck national life. What consenting adults do in private is their own affair, but the anti-social nature of homosexuality must be exposed and those who promote it in public life treated with contempt and ridicule.

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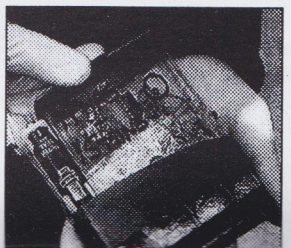
American Television Backs I.R.A. Murder Gang

WHY DO SO MANY AMERICANS KNOW SO LITTLE about the war in Ulster? Why do so many give money to the I.R.A.? One reason is the deluge of anti-British, pro-I.R.A. propaganda spewed out by the U.S. "entertainment" industry. We in Britain can see the rubbish spewed out by Hollywood in pro-terrorist films such as *In the Name of the Father* and the recent offering, singing the praises of I.R.A. murderer Michael Collins. But BBC and ITV tend not to buy the even more offensive output of U.S. network television.

The delights we are thus missing can be seen from the episode of the thriller series JAG screened across America on Friday 27th June. JAG is about a U.S. Navy Lawyer (ex fighter pilot) who goes around solving legal problems for the U.S. Navy (a sort of sub-Sherlock Holmes in uniform). The episode screened on June 27th was gloatingly described on the American pro-IRA Internet "Republican Bulletin Board" by one Mark Westphal as follows:

"A female Navy officer stationed in London has a child stolen by the I.R.A. The JAG goes to investigate (in Belfast) and gets captured by the I.R.A. he finally discovers that the baby is the son of an I.R.A. cell leader and the R.U.C. stole the baby to get at him! The JAG gets the baby back with the help of the I.R.A.!! The



Stars Come Out For I.R.A. Murder

SHOW BUSINESS TRENDIES have been raising money in America to support jailed I.R.A. terrorist suspects. They recently raised £12,000 at a function in chic New York restaurant *La Belle Epoque* for Roisin McAliskey, who is in Holloway jail awaiting extradition to Germany at the request of German anti-terrorist police hunting the I.R.A. gang who mortar-bombed a British Army base at Osnabruck last June. She faces six charges of attempted murder and illegally handling explosives.

McAliskey makes no secret of her Irish Republican sympathies. Three years ago she helped her mother, the notorious Bernadette Devlin McAliskey, carry the coffin of Dominic "Mad Dog" McGlinchey. McGlinchey boasted of committing 30 murders: even the I.R.A. considered him too extreme! He led the Irish National Liberation Army, in whose "political wing" the Irish Republican Socialist Party, Roisin McAliskey's mother has long been a leading figure. As with the I.R.A. and Sinn Fein, the I.N.L.A. and the

It is people like this that Hollywood low-life fawn upon, and raise money for, and help to make I.R.A. propaganda films falsifying history. The swish evening at *La Belle Epoque* was hosted by Terry George, who directed the Hollywood I.R.A. propaganda film: *Some Mother's Son*, and Irish actress Fionnula Flanagan. Amongst the 200 glitterati who turned up and gave money to bankroll such I.R.A. activities were ageing Hollywood film star Joanne Woodward, wife of Paul Newman, who is himself launch-